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FOUR! Streets ahead of the competition yet again, we'll be giving away this complete magazine free each month with every copy of CVG - and there's so much good stuff crammed inside this launch issue you'll be amazed you can lift it!

THREE! How's this for a first-issue Megascoop: we review the white hot Battletoads Gameboy cartridge before any of the others have even seen it! Not only that, we've got exclusive reviews of Out Run on the Game Gear, Punisher on the Gameboy, a spanking great preview of Terminator 2 and a full page lowdown on the long-awaited Lynx 2!

TWO! So enjoy yourselves and don't forget to drop us a line and tell us what you think - there's a Game Gear on offer for the best letter we get.

ONE! So how do we do it, eh? How does CVG stay such gobsmacking value for money and even manage to bring you a free extra magazine into the bargain? Well, it involves magic wands, balding heads, pulling rabbits out of hats and sawing your bombshell blonde wife in half five nights a week. Now That's Magic!

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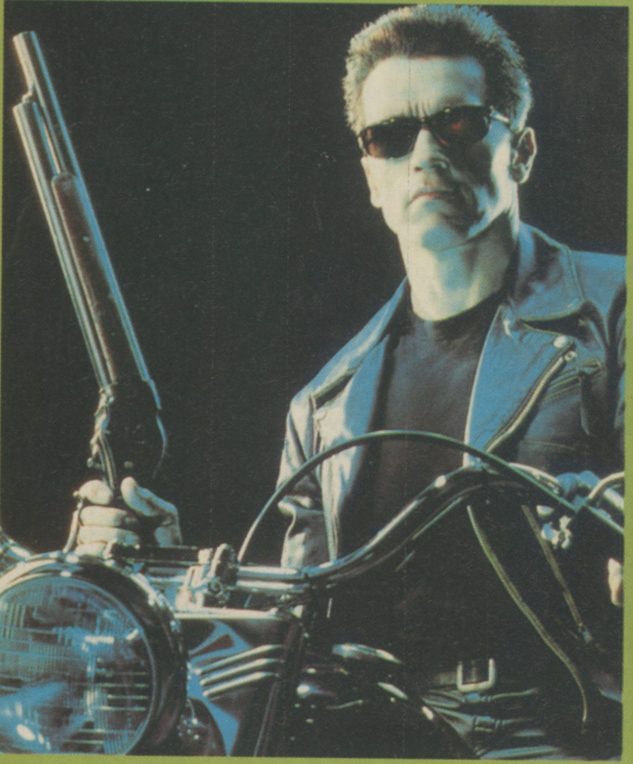

6 BATTLETOADS

The hottest title on the Gameboy, we review this fabby little number before anyone else has even clapped eyes on it. Well, what else would you expect from the best magsters in the universe?

10 PUNISHER

So what's the story on this smart Acclaim Gameboy shoot 'em up ass kicking party? Tune in to the mega GO! review for the full lowdown - it's what we do best!

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The Game Gear title everyone's been waiting for. Does this swift little racer reach the mark when it comes to hand-held action? Read our review and find out!

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Faster than Arnie's pump action shotgun, we grab hold of one of the hottest licenses around for a scoop Preview! Can you believe this mag is free?

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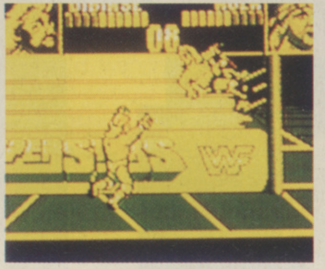
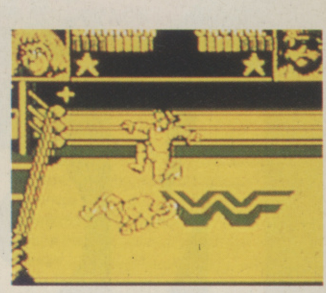
ACCLAIM'S FAMOUS FIVE COMES ALIVE!

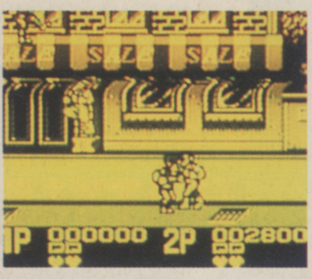
Gameboy owners can expect a real treat in the early part of 1993. Acclaim are boasting a spanky release schedule even more exciting than a big bag of exciting things. The games all have one thing in common - they're all big licenses. There are provisionally five biggies coming up, and what a selection they are...

First off the mark is the officially licensed game of the sport, **WWF Superstars**. That's World Wrestling Federation to you and me. This game gives you the chance to play your favourite wrestler, be it Hulk Hogan, the Ultimate Warrior or Hacksaw Jim Duggan. All the great moves are there, including pile drivers, flying kicks and the very dodgy sounding sleeperhold. A smooth-scrolling ring and nicely drawn characters certainly make this look like a winner. Look for it around Christmas time.

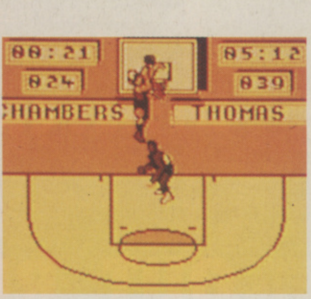




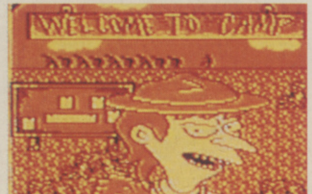
Double Dragon fans can rest easy in the knowledge that the colourful arcade beat em up will soon appear on the Gameboy in glorious 2D Monovision. Spookily enough, the graphics do look quite similar to their arcade counterparts. All the levels are there, with the addition of some new baddies and a groovy remix of the original soundtrack. Fans might also like to know that a big Hollywood film company looks set to snap up the rights to the game.

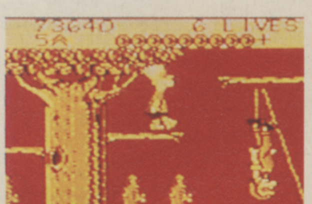


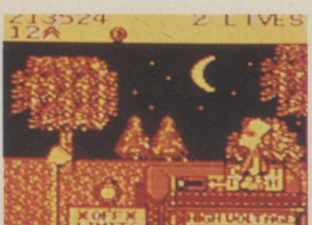
NBA stands for the National Basketball Association. The Gameboy version of this classic game features a wealth of options and all the famous teams. You could play the LA Lakers off against the Boston Celtics or just go one on one with the computer. Looks promising, but the small screen might be a handicap.



Those **Simpsons** just get everywhere, they're in your tea and in your hair. Bart and Homer are a joy and soon appear on your Gameboy. Oops. Sorry about the rhyme, but The Simpsons-Escape From Camp Deadly looks set to be the biggest thing since fried bananas. This scrolling platform adventure is currently under development and should appear early next year.







CARUMBA! IT'S KICK OFF!

Oh you lucky Gamegear owners! That computer soccer sensation Kick Off is all set to appear on your handheld in the guise of Super Kick Off. US Gold are all set to release a mini version of the mega footie game on the Gamegear. It'll be almost identical to the smart computer versions, but tweaked a little to make it work well on the smaller screen.

You'll have a massive choice of teams, as well as all your favourite players. Best of all, the Gamegear version will retain all the playability and the cool control method of its predecessors. Look out for it early next year!

Meanwhile, Kick Off on the Gameboy gets ever closer. Somehow the programmers have managed to keep the speed of the Amiga original, so here's one to watch for!

HAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT!

The man with the hat is back and this time, he's really small. **Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade** will soon be popping up on Sega's mini-marvel, later this, or early next year. This game will also be ported from its Master System counterpart, but CVG's big clever editor has seen it and he reckons it's the best thing since the last really good thing. Apparently, the Indy sprite is huge and the gameplay has been altered to suit the small screen. Snakes, why did it have to be snakes?

HOT CLUB THRILLS 'N' SPILLS!

Hot golfing action is the name of the game in the Gamegear version of **Leaderboard**. This classic golf sim first appeared on the Commodore 64 several years ago to much acclaim and soiled golfing pants. The Gamegear version will be ported straight from its Master System big brother and the gameplay will be identical...only smaller. At last, the facility to play 18 holes of your favourite golf course on the bus home! Hurrah!

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Take three space-age mutant amphibians, kit them out with incredible fighting skills and give them the power to party, and what do you have? The Battletoads! Zitz, Rash and Pimple are the greenest ravers in the galaxy and go to any lengths to let their scales down. There's no better place to do it than the leisure-station Lost Vega, where the wine flows, the girls groove and everyone has a generally jolly time.

So you can imagine the disappointment when the party is suddenly soured by the appearance of the Dark Queen, who kidnaps Rash and Pimple, taking them to her kingdom on the forbidding planet of Armagedda.

Zitz escapes and, at the Toads' craft, Vulture, formulates a plan of attack with their mentor, Professor T Bird. The plan is to go to Armagedda and destroy everything that moves in Zitz's quest to liberate his buddies. It's not going to be easy - the Dark Queen's forces will be out en masse. But what a toad's gotta do, a toad's gotta do, so get out their and kick spawn!

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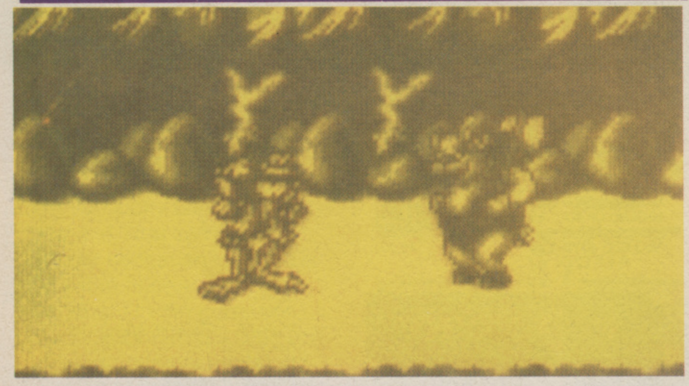
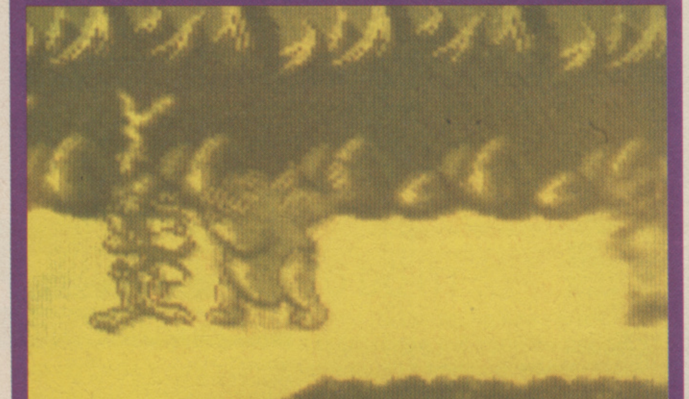
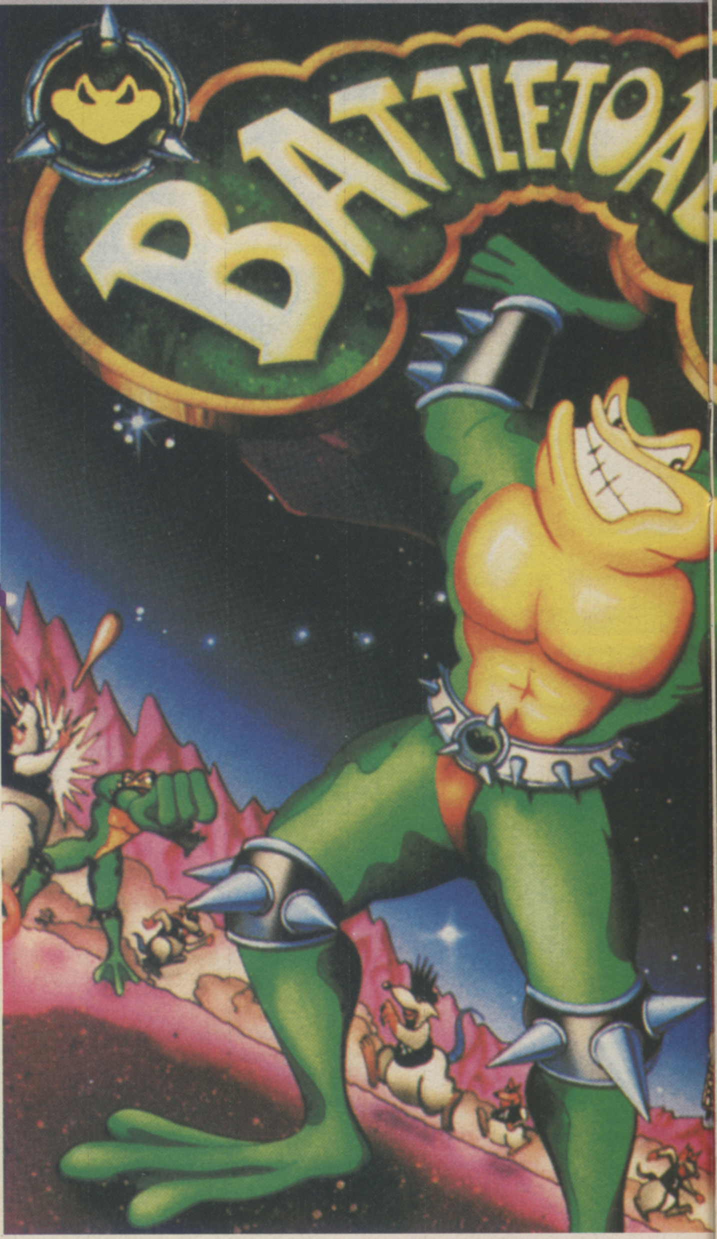


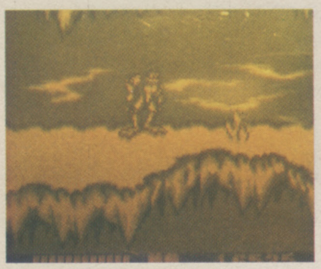
▲ *This guy looks a bit unfriendly, so let's bash his head in!*

TOADALLY TOOLED-UP!

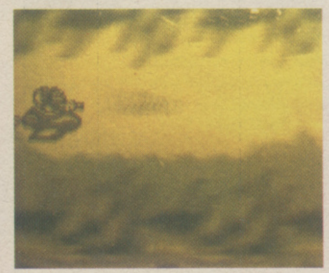
Zitz's array of attacking moves is far more than just the normal tongue-flicking and inflating of the throat which you'd usually expect from a toad. Not only can this guy kick and punch his opponents, but when they're suitably softened up he can execute a super smash with his massive hand and foot! Also, beating up the weapon-carrying enemies allows Zitz to pick up and use that character's armament for even greater pummeling power!



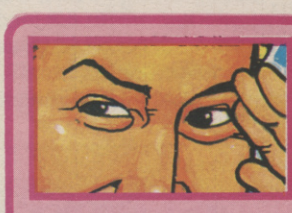




▲ *Avoid the flames on level 3 or face a roasting!*



▲ *Fast an' furious fightin's the name of the game!*

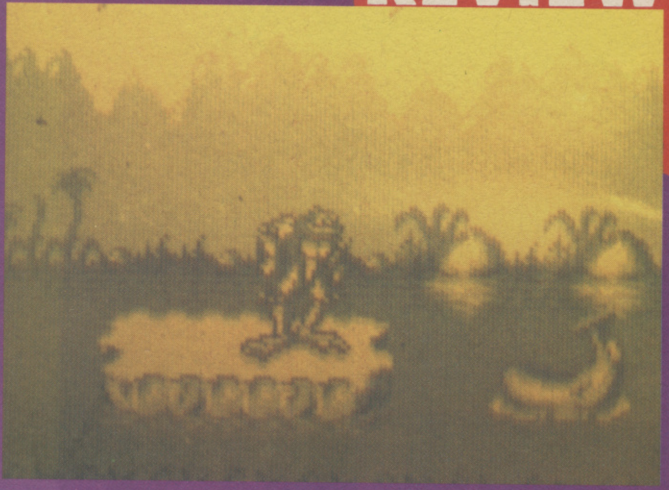


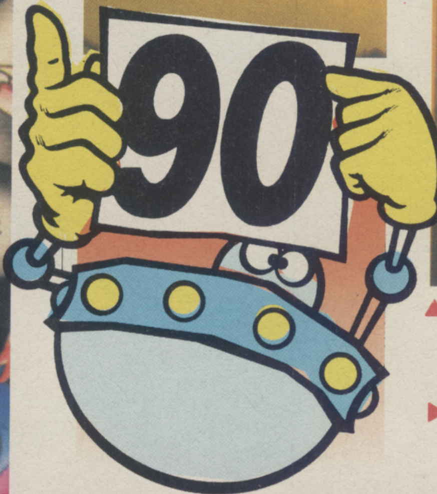
The sprites are very crisp and superbly animated, especially the effect when you kick or punch an enemy! The background tends to fade into itself whilst scrolling, but that's to be expected on the Gameboy. The cartoon series looks like it's going to be red hot, as this cart certainly is!

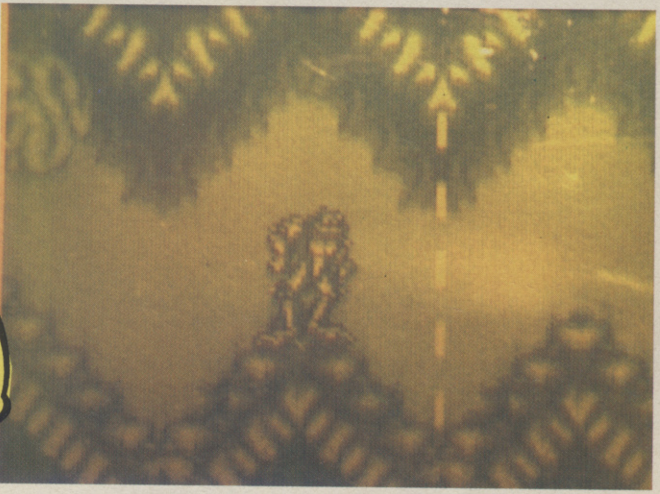
PAUL RAND

SKI-DADDLE!

Why walk when you can Jet-ski? In Battletoads, you're given control of one of these water-reliant modes of transport, with one handy attachment - an enemy-crushing cannon, with which to send the baddies to oblivion. It's a good thing these machines are manouverable, too, because later levels require Zitz to negotiate ever-tighter mazes; and if you clip the hedge on this sucker, you're a gonna, boyeeee!

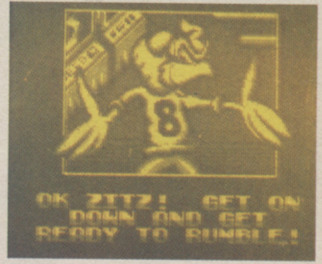


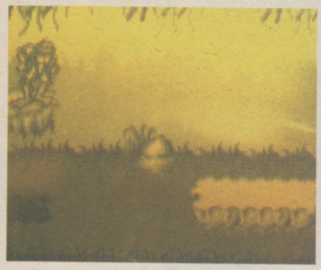




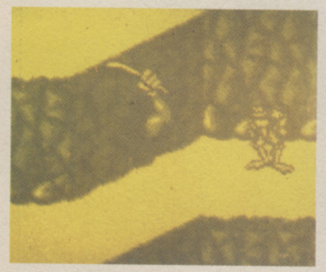
▲ *Cross the dotted line of doom and run like a bat out of hell!*

▶ *Kentucky-Fried is full of inter-level advice!*


OK ZITZ! GET ON DOWN AND GET READY TO RUMBLE!



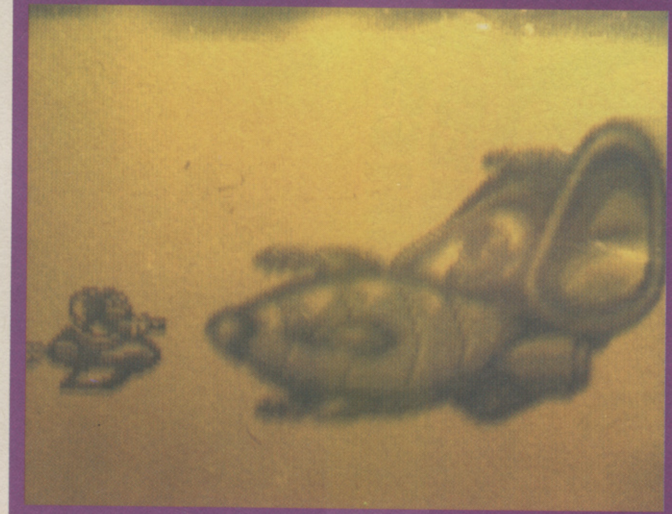
▲ *Fall in the water and you're a goner!*



▲ *Fists full of fun!*

SPACED OUT THRILLS

If jetski's aren't enough, how about your own personal space ship to zip about in and blast six bells out of your enemies? Now the fun really begins, 'cos a toad in a flying saucer is something to worry about...



This has to rate as one of the best games I've yet seen on the Gameboy - it's certainly the most violent! Graphics are great and sound OK, but it's the superb playability which makes this stand out. Check out Battletoads as you can - it's going to be H.U.G.E.

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PUNISHER P.O.V.

In complete contrast to the ex-rozzer in the naff movie starring Dolph "Done nowt of any worth since Rocky IV" Lundgren, Marvel Comics' Punisher stars Frank Castle as a one-time Marine who, after witnessing the death of his family at the hands of the Mob, turns his back on the law to dole out his own special brand of justice - small pieces of high-velocity lead...

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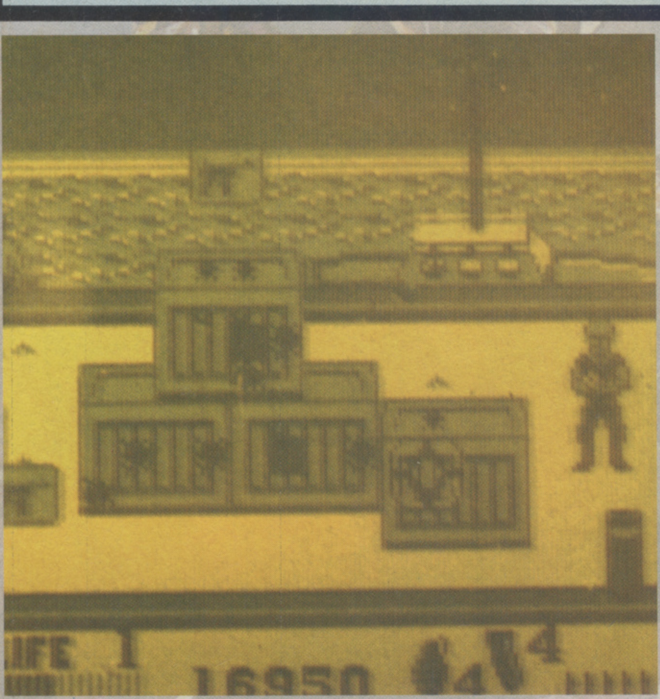


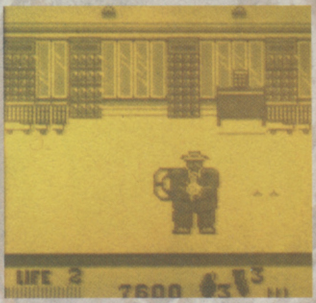
▲ *Punishing the bad guys can be a lot of bother when they're coming at you from all angles!*

▼ *Those enemies just keep on coming, but watch the shoppers!*

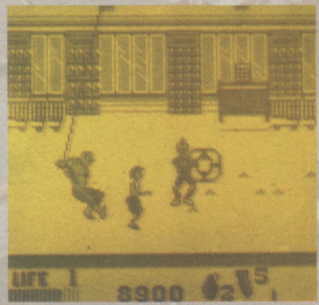
PUNISH POWER!

Whilst firepower is prone to running out rapidly, Castle can replenish his stocks by shooting background items from which pops out all manner of goodies including extra machine-gun clips and body armour.

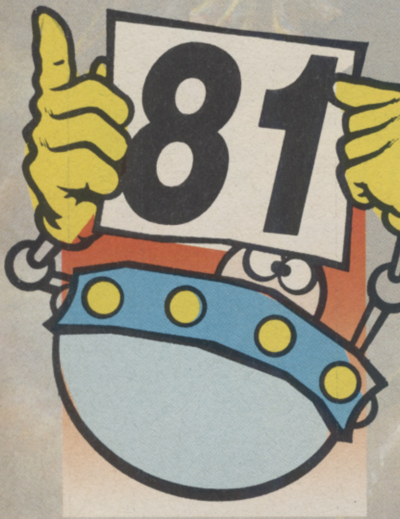
AMMO CLIP: Increases ammunition count by one unit
RAPID FIRE: Turns Castle's weedy machine pistol into a high-powered death machine
GRENADE: Adds an extra hand-grenade to the Punisher's collection
ROCKET LAUNCHER: Hard to find, but devastating in use
KEVLAR VEST: Absorbs half the damage from each hit
FIRST AID: Replenishes Frankie's fitness
1UP: Extra life

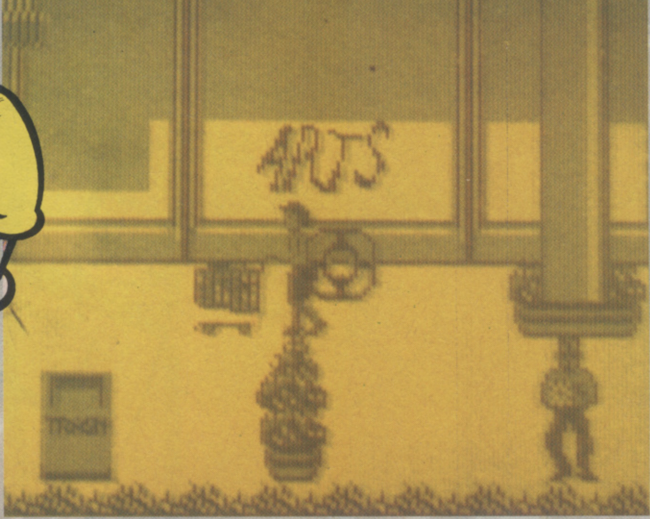


▲ *Crikey*



▲ *Spiderman ahoy!*

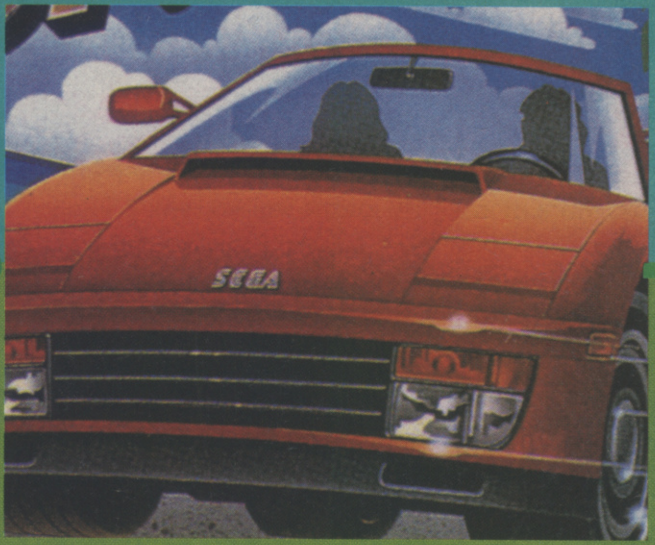




Here's a blatant Op Wolf clone, but quite an addictive one with plenty of baddies to keep the action flowing. The graphics are well done but it's a little bit samey so try before you buy.

PAUL RAND

OutRun



Leap into the driver's seat, reserve the passenger seat for your peroxide girly and accelerate up the freeway in Sega's Game Gear conversion of their all-time classic hydraulic racing coin-op!

Burn a trail across the US of A in your Ferrari Testarossa Cabriolet, reaching speeds of up to 293kph as you attempt to beat the times set for each of the four stages by the organisers. At the end of each stage the road splits, giving the racer the choice between two different paths to traverse.

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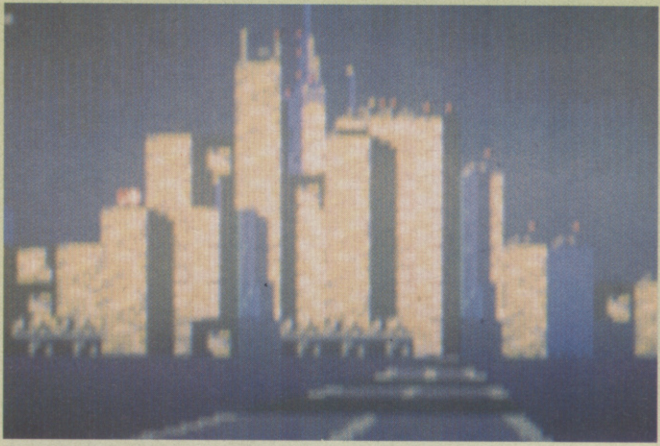
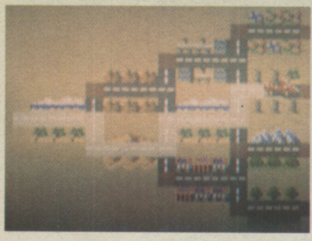
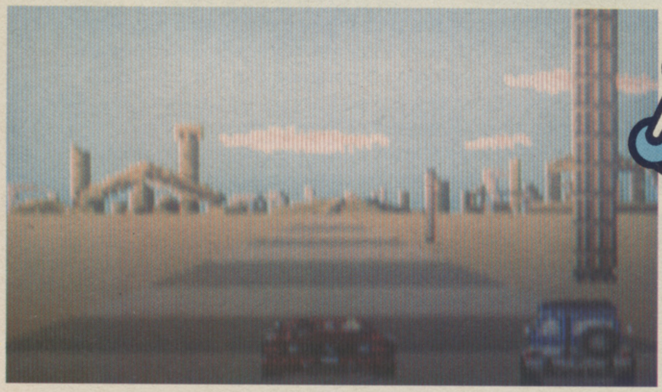
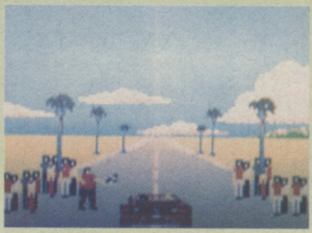




DRIVIN' DITTIES

As all boy racers know, breaking the speed limit just ain't no fun without having a suitable piece of muzak blaring out of the Blaupunkt to publicise the achievement. In Out Run there's a choice of three tuneful pieces to drive along to - Magical Sound Shower, Passing Breeze and Splash Wave. Sorry to all the Morris Minor owners - there's no Beethoven or Bach on this deck!





GEARS ON THE GEAR

Not for you the hassle of five-speed gearboxes with the danger of missing third and blowing the engine! Your Ferrari is equipped with a snazzy two-speed affair, low and high, allowing the driver to concentrate on the undulating road ahead and the smart bit of totty in the passenger seat!

This version of Out Run just doesn't feel anything like the Out Run I know and love. Driving fans will enjoy GG Out Run, but I'm not sure about everyone else. Give it a spin first.

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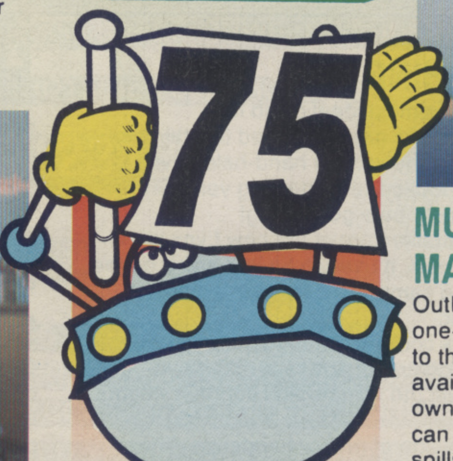


MULTI-PLAYER MAYHEM

OutRun in the arcades was a one-player game but, thanks to that sexy link option available to Game Gear owners, two Ferrari freaks can participate in high-speed spills at the same time!

LYNX

IT'S here at last - the long-awaited Lynx 2 finally hits the streets from America after rumours of a sexy new hand-held did the rounds for ages. Was it worth the wait? GO! hero FRANK O'CONNOR puts the new machine through its paces.

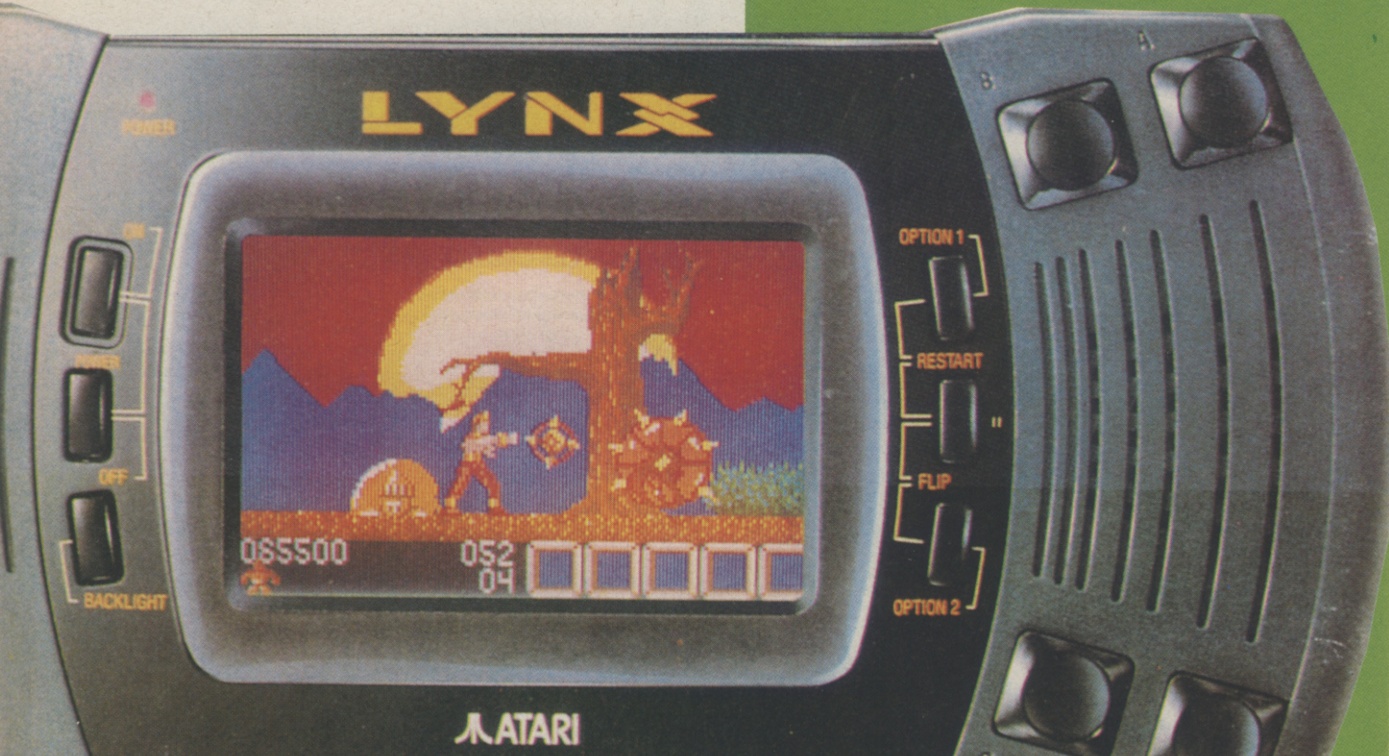
ATARI'S BABY GETS A FACELIFT

The Lynx has long been the most underrated of the handheld consoles. With its 4096 colour display, hardware scaling and jaw-dropping sprite handling capabilities, this little wonder should have been a force to be reckoned with.

The original Lynx is excellent, but the machine is a little too bulky for serious hand held gaming. More of a laptop than a hand-held, it's also a bit flippin' ugly!

The backroom boys at Atari took the machine away last year and had a drastic rethink. The result of much tinkering, fiddling about and sardine-like compression is the new-look Lynx 2.

▼ *The Lynx 2 in all its glory. Atari are banking on its baby...*



▲ *...to blow the competition out of the water.*

INSIDE THE MACHINE

Technically, the machine is almost identical to its predecessor, but as far as looks are concerned this thing is all new - and must be one of the sexiest hand-helds ever. Sleek, black, this machine looks like something you'd find in a sci-fi movie - and that has to be a good thing!

One major change in the architecture of the new Lynx is the movement of the cartridge slot. It used to be in a hatch on the side. Now it's located in the same place as all the other hand-helds: on the top/rear.

The volume and brightness controls, headphone and power jacks are all conveniently located on the rear of the unit. which means you can adjust the volume and contrast without even pausing the game!

One nice feature is the addition of rubber handgrips. These ergonomically designed bars allow you to hold it comfortably as well as preventing the unit slipping on a table top. Atari intend to support the new look machine with a quite huge release schedule, including big names like Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure, the not so famous Scrapyard Dog, APB and lots, lots more. A couple of third party software companies have also shown interest in Atari's little wonder and the future for the machine looks rosier than ever.

SO WHAT'S THE VERDICT?

Overall, the Lynx 2 gets a solid thumbs up from the geezers on GO! This machine puts Atari slap bang in the centre of the hand-held games world once again, with loads laffs in the palm of your hand. Check out this sexy little beastie as soon as you can!

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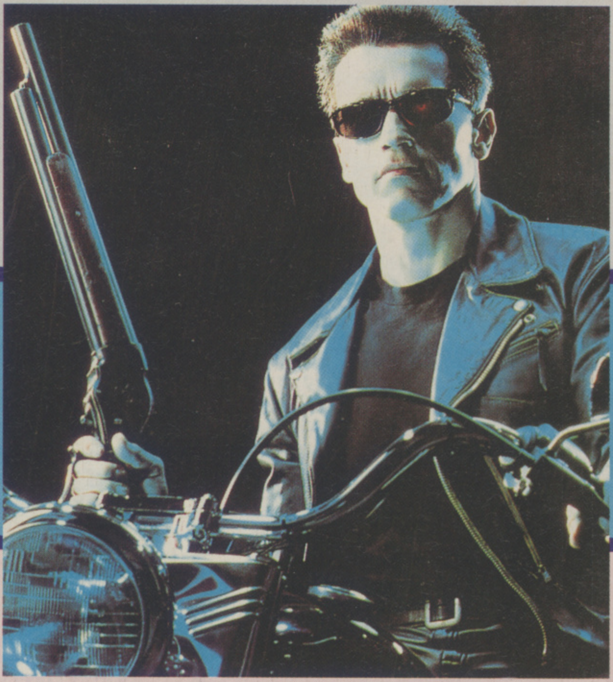

One of the hottest licenses to hit the Gameboy, Terminator 2 could go down a storm when it hits Nintendo's hand-held wonder very soon, courtesy of Acclaim. FRANK O'CONNOR loads up his Uzi and tells you all about it...

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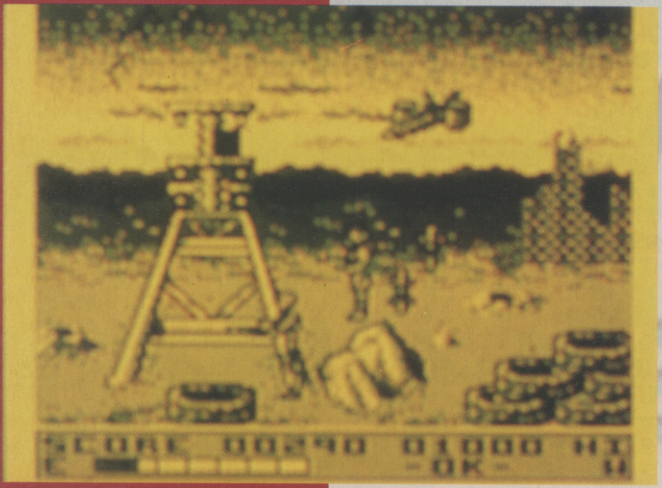
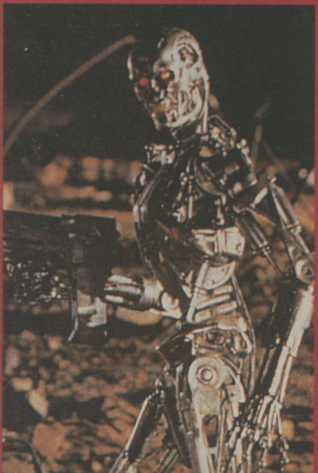


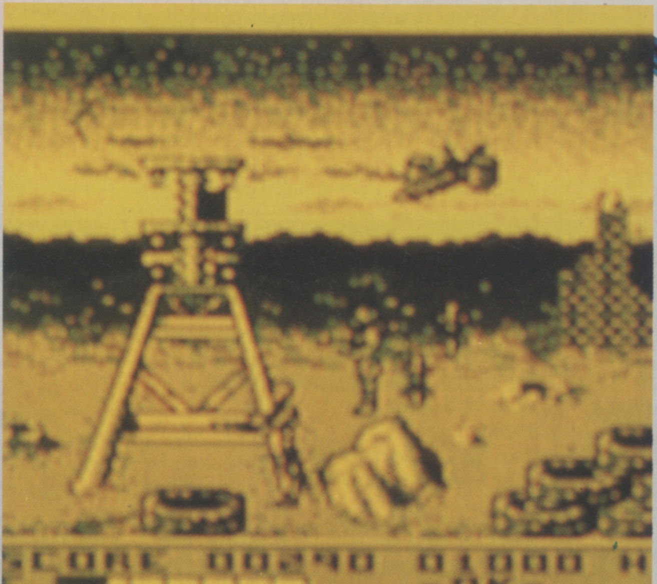
COR, WHAT A WAR!

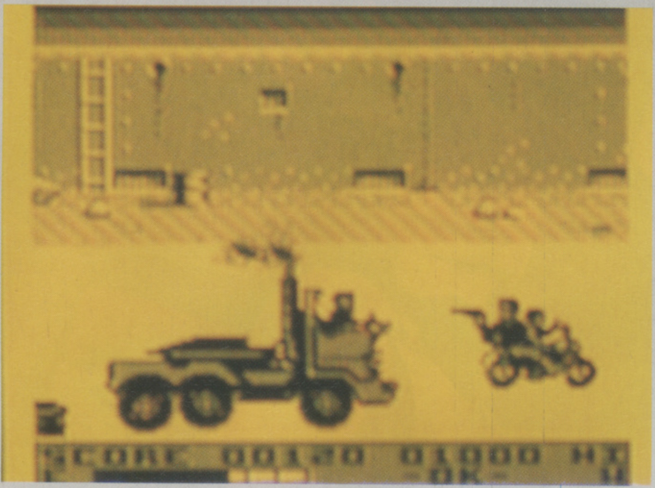
The year is 2029 and the Earth is a devastated wasteland after a nuclear war, started when the Skynet supercomputer decided that mankind was a threat that had to be terminated. Now, with mankind almost wiped out, the Terminators must finish the job - unless the rebels can beat them and save humanity from extinction.

Sending a Terminator back in time to kill the mother of Rebel leader John Connor, Skynet throws down the ultimate challenge. Now the fate of the world rests on the shoulders of one man - an urban trooper name Kyle Reese - to travel back in time and protect the mother of the future.

The scene is set for the showdown...







HEAVY METAL TROUBLE

The T1000 is capable of a great many things. Its most revolutionary skill is the ability to change its shape at will, taking on the shape and attributes of any living thing similar to its own body mass. It can also regenerate after damage, making this machine almost indestructible.
Added to that, it's also one smart cookie. There is a way to destroy old liquid lips, but you'll just have to discover that for yourself...

BIG ARNIE ACTION

Terminator 2 is set to appear in various guises on a wide range of machines. This Gameboy version is from Acclaim, the people who brought you such classics as The Simpsons and Wizards and Warriors - so you know it's gonna be good!
The game itself is a scrolling romp-o-rama, featuring tons of explosions and senseless violence. You take the role of big Arnie as he sets out to protect John Connor from the relentless, unstoppable force of the T1000.
Your battle against the chameleon-like Terminator will include a motorbike chase and a lot of running, jumping, leaping and shooting mayhem. We're told the game will follow the plot of the movie quite closely, so if you fail in your task, the world will suffer the consequences...

IT'S A BIG 'UN ALRIGHT!

So there you have it. Terminator 2 on the Gameboy looks like it could be something pretty special, so store this Preview away in those memory banks and get set for some serious thrills 'n' spills when this cart hits the streets. Wahay!

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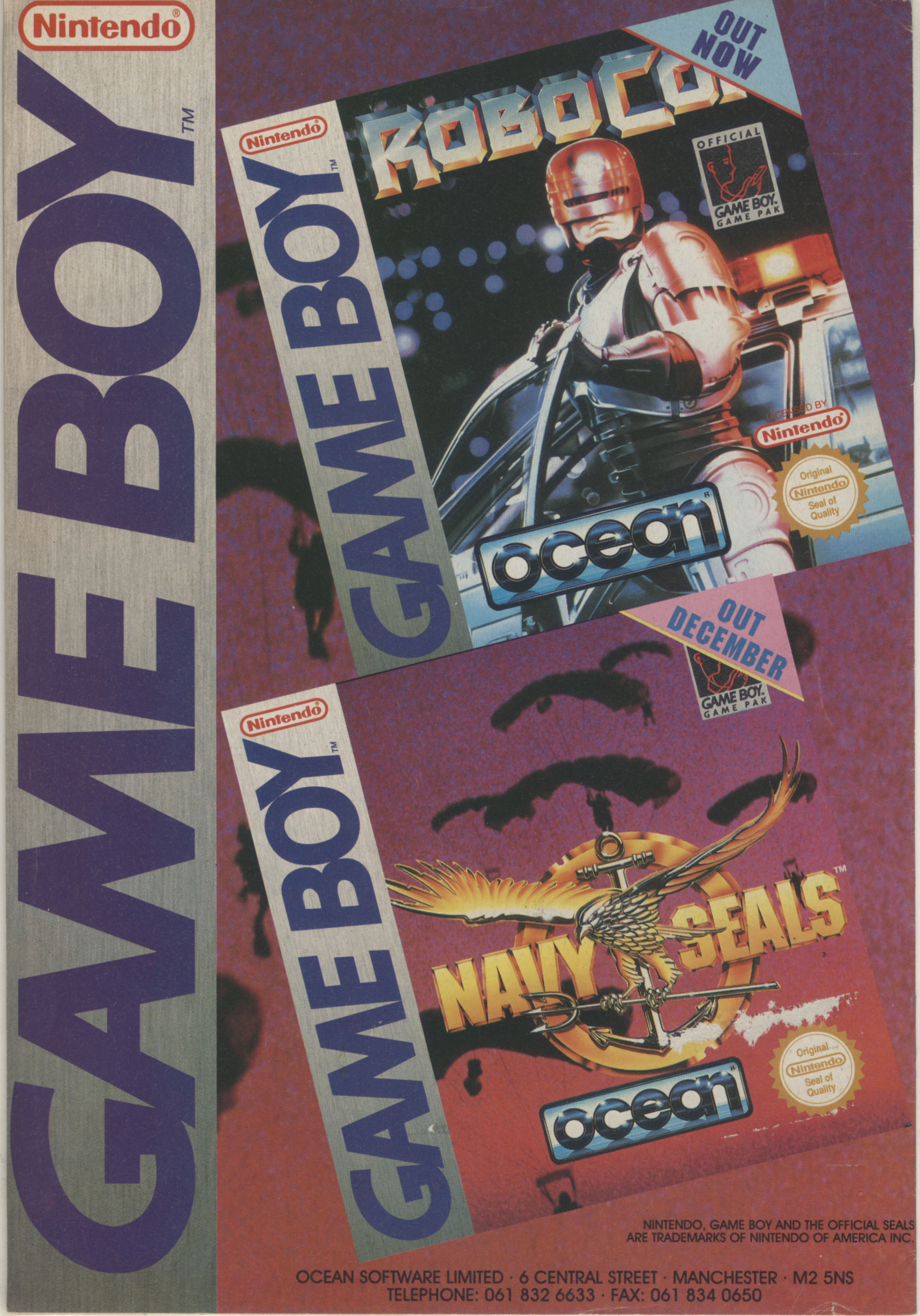
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